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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 31

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. SMOOK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 223) – The Ukrainian Heritage Month Act/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine ukrainien, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SMOOK having spoken,

And Messrs. BRAR and SCHULER, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Messrs. MOSES and WOWCHUK having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. KINEW and SCHULER, Ms. FONTAINE, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. WOWCHUK having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Mr. MARTIN moved:

Resolution No. 9: Recognizing Climate Resiliency and Green Strategies in Manitoba Transportation

WHEREAS it is essential for the province to move to a more sustainable transportation system; and

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WHEREAS changes must be made to reduce the carbon footprint of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS shared streets are an integral part of the plan when exploring options that lessen dependence on fossil fuels, and

WHEREAS municipalities within the province had utilized these shared streets during the pandemic enabling many people to take advantage of these new options for active transportation which allowed them to feel safer using roads that were moved back to a shared space; and

WHEREAS any improvement to pedestrian, cyclist, or active transportation methods help provide more options for Manitobans to make a carbon reducing choice easier; and

WHEREAS the rising cost and impact of fossil fuels are causing many Manitobans to reconsider their personal transportation options to reduce their impact; and

WHEREAS improving access and expanding the options for reduced emission transportation is a concrete step to reducing the environmental impact of this province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba commend the Provincial Government for introducing legislation that will allow for the testing of reduced emission transportation and better shared paths for active transportation in order to improve the climate resiliency of Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MARTIN having spoken,

And Ms. NAYLOR and Messrs. NESBITT, LAMONT and ISLEIFSON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. NAYLOR and Messrs. NESBITT, SALA, LAMONT and ISLEIFSON having spoken,

And Mr. WIEBE speaking at 11:58 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Madam Speaker presented:

Annual Report of The Information and Privacy Adjudicator for the year ending December 31, 2021.
(Sessional Paper No. 17)

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Hon. Ms. GORDON, the Minister of Health, made a statement regarding World Autism Awareness Day.

MLA ASAGWARA and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON, Ms. NAYLOR, Messrs. TEITSMA and KINEW and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Ms. LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately provide comprehensive and free healthcare coverage to all residents of Manitoba regardless of immigration status, including refugee claimants, migrant workers, international students, dependent children of temporary residents, and undocumented residents; to urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to undertake a multilingual communication campaign to provide information on expanded coverage to all affected residents; to inform all healthcare institutions and providers of expanded coverage for those without health insurance and the details on how necessary policy and protocol changes will be implemented; and to create and enforce strict confidentiality policies and provide staff with training to protect the safety of residents with precarious immigration status and ensure they can access health care without jeopardizing their ability to remain in Canada.

MLA LINDSEY – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Premier to financially assist the City of Winnipeg in her new 2022 provincial budget to build this three-lane bridge in each direction to maintain this vital link between northeast Winnipeg, Transcona and the downtown; and to recommend that the City of Winnipeg keep the old bridge fully open to traffic while the new bridge is under construction; and to consider the feasibility of keeping the old Louise Bridge open for active transportation in the future.

MLA MARCELINO – To urge the Provincial Government to take action to reduce people's exposure to lead in Winnipeg and to implement the recommendations proposed by the Provincial Government's independent review, including the creation of an action plan for the Weston neighbourhood, developing a lead awareness, communications and outreach program, requisitioning a more in-depth study and a creating a tracking program for those tested for blood lead levels so that medical professionals can follow up with them.

Ms. NAYLOR – To urge the Provincial Government to support a declaration that the first week in February of each year be known as Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

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Ms. FONTAINE – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately ensure effective and safe access to abortion services for individuals regardless of where they reside in Manitoba and to ensure that buffer zones are immediately legislated.

Mr. WIEBE – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 27) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Alternative Measures for Driving Offences)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (mesures de rechange en cas d'infractions de conduite), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Messrs. GUENTER, SANDHU, LAMONT and WIEBE and MLA MARCELINO having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Message from His Honour, the Administrator recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 27).

(Sessional Paper No. 18)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 8) – The Court of Appeal Amendment and Provincial Court Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour d'appel et la Loi sur la Cour provinciale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Minister,

The Question Period was allowed to remain open.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.